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## LEAVE RULES ALONE.

### Professor Gettell Expresses Strong Belief in Open Game.

With most of the coaches of the larger colleges asking for changes in the rules, it is encouraging to true lovers of football, who believe that the game today is better than it ever was, to hear the opinions of those who would leave the game as it is. Trinity has demonstrated the power of the open game, and by using it when others are harking back to the old style, has placed herself in the front ranks, with nothing ahead but the very biggest elevens. Experts have praised Professor Gettell for his development of the forward pass and onside kick, and have criticized the coaches of the university elevens for failing to profit by the example of Trinity's success.

In the light of these discussions it is most interesting to hear Professor Gettell's own opinion of the rules. He gave the following statement to the *Tripod*:

"In general I have no fault to find with the present rules, and am far from being disgusted, as most coaches are. A good offense is able to gain. It is possible to develop an attack that will gain ten yards in the present number of downs, with the exception that within 15 yards of the goal line it is impossible to gain with the defense bunched up. This makes it necessary to develop an attack up to the 25-yard line, and to score from there on forward passes, trick-plays, and criss-cross plays.

"Out of 20 touchdowns scored by Trinity this year, not one-fourth were on short runs or short line plunges.

"The withdrawal of the restriction on making forward passes and kicking when less than five yards behind the line of scrimmage would help the offense.

"The rules need to be simplified rather than altered or amended in content. The contradictions and ambiguities should be removed, but not the progressive features that have been introduced. No team has yet developed all the possibilities of the open game—the limit has by no means been reached.

"There are too many officials. Two on the field of play are ample. The umpire should not keep time, as toward the end of quarters he is too busy watching the time to see the plays. There should be team-work among the officials just as there is in the elevens. Very often two or more officials see the same things, and often none sees the violations of the rules. The incompetency of the officials during the past season has been largely due to the complexity of the rules."

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## NOTE.

The Christmas recess will start at 1 p. m., Thursday, December 21st, and will close at 5.45 p. m., on Thursday, January 4th. The usual chapel exercises will open the work of 1912.

## FOOTBALL STATISTICS.

### Professor Gettell shows Percentage of Four New England Teams.

At the football smoker last Saturday evening, Professor Gettell incorporated in his speech some very interesting statistics which he has been collecting for the past five years, concerning the number of games won and lost by four of the smaller New England colleges. For the last five years they run as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	%
Trinity.....	30	7	.810
Williams.....	18	15	.550
Amherst.....	14	20	.410
Wesleyan.....	15	25	.370

By these figures Trinity's percentage of victories is almost twice that of any of the other four. The showing for the past two years is even more favorable to the Blue and Gold.

Team	Won	Lost	%
Trinity.....	14	1	.930
Wesleyan.....	8	8	.500
Amherst.....	7	7	.500
Williams.....	4	7	.360

In these five years Trinity has scored 742 points against her opponents' 189. All these four teams had schedules of about equal strength, of course, there were many tie games. Trinity has the best record in New England for defeats in the last two years, losing only one game, while Harvard lost two and Yale four. Each year for the past five years Trinity has scored over 100 points.

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## SECOND BIOLOGY LECTURE.

### Prof. R. C. Osburn of Columbia Speaks on Fishes.

The large number who attended the second of the series of Biology Lectures last Friday evening, December 15th, had the pleasure of hearing a very comprehensive and interesting talk on 'Fishes', the lecturer being Professor R. C. Osburn of Columbia, an authority on biological subjects. Professor Osburn spoke of the general groups of fishes, of their adaptation to their surroundings, as for example the changing of their colors in conformity with that of the surrounding objects. These changes were illustrated by lantern slides. He also spoke of the way fish are cared for in aquaria.

The next of the series of lectures given in connection with Biology, will be on January 19, 1912, by Prof. W. S. Lee, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. He will lecture on Muscular Action, and the lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides and moving pictures. It will be as usual in the Biology room in Boardman Hall.

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## SUNDAY CHAPEL.

At Chapel, Sunday morning, Pres. Luther took for his text the collect for the third Sunday in Advent. He discussed the work which the clergy are doing and should do.

J. J. Whitehead, Jr., rendered as a solo, one of the Christmas hymns.

## PSI UPSILON ENTERTAINS.

### Last College Dance before the Holidays.

The last fraternity dance of the year, marking a most successful ending for the college social events of 1911, took place last evening at 81 Vernon Street, the handsome home of the Beta Beta Chapter of Psi Upsilon. Every room on the first two floors was thrown open to receive the guests of the chapter. The house was clad in holiday attire, with decorations of holly and Christmas greens, interspersed with mistletoe. In the center of the front hall a great Christmas tree rose to the ceiling, draped with the usual decorations of variegated shapes and colors. The most unique feature of the evening consisted in the dance-orders, which were hidden among the branches of the tree, ready to be discovered and identified by the guests. They consisted of Christmas cards, with wintry scenes depicted upon them in colors by a member of the fraternity.

The mantelpieces of the front rooms were covered by masses of flowers, with carnations predominating in the color scheme. The musicians, occupying a square at the end of the lower hall, screened behind a bank of palms and evergreen, rendered an excellent program of music for the sixteen dances. The dancers in general remained on the first floor, as all the rooms were connected and afforded plenty of dancing-space, but a few couples found the seclusion of the upstairs rooms more conducive to good "Bostons".

Dancing commenced at eight-thirty. A dinner of four courses was served in the intermission after the eighth dance, Habenstein catering. Fruit punch was served in the card-room during the entire dance. The dance was concluded in the small hours of the morning, the singing of "Neath the Elms" drawing to a close one of the most enjoyable affairs of the year.

The patronesses receiving for the chapter were: Mrs. F. S. Luther, Miss Anita McAlpine, Mrs. J. H. K. Davis, and Mrs. Shiras Morris.

Besides the members of the chapter, those present were: The Misses Rees, Sage, Hatch, Cook, Roberts, Parker, Rogers, Samson, Agnes and Helen Tracy, Marion and Rosewell Hawley, Bronson, Nichols, Shepard, Adams, Lyman, and Merrill, '10, Eaton, '10, and Rankin, '11.

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## PRESS CLUB MEETING.

### Interview with Professor Gettell sent to Leading Dailies.

On Monday evening there was a meeting of the Press Club in the *Tripod* Room. President Cook reported that, over a hundred copies of the article on Page 1 of this issue headed 'Leave Rules Alone', had been distributed to the leading newspapers of the country, largely through the efforts of Mr. Bird, thus making Trinity heard of all over

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## FOOTBALL SMOKER.

### Successful Affair at Bond's Saturday Night.

The annual football smoker was held at Bond's Saturday night in honor of the successful football season just passed.

There was a large attendance of undergraduates and considerable enthusiasm was manifested. Dinner was served to the team at eight o'clock and when this was over the smoker was officially opened by I. K. Hamilton, '91, who told of the splendid work of the team and called on Captain Howell to speak.

Howell spoke of the scrubs and emphasized the fact that they were in a large part responsible for the successes of the past season. In closing Captain Howell paid a strong tribute to Coach Gettell and wished all success for next year's team.

Mr. George Ellis, '94, was the next one called upon and he urged that every man who could, be persuaded to enter Trinity next fall, not only football men but all who had any intention of going to college, should be told of the superior advantages of Trinity. The record of this year's eleven should do a great deal towards bringing athletes to Trinity, was Mr. Ellis' opinion.

Humphrey, this year's manager, spoke a few words, and thanked the men for their support.

Grad. Treasurer A. T. McCook, was then called on and told of his work for the financial support of the team, and declared that there would be a balance on hand.

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## NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE.

Manager Withington told of the schedule which is practically arranged; games with Bowdoin, Amherst, Wesleyan, Haverford and N. Y. U. being already secured, while several dates are as yet undecided.

Collett, next year's captain, urged every man to come out for the team who has athletic ability and, echoed Mr. Ellis' sentiments that every effort be made to get football material to Trinity next fall.

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## PROFESSOR GETTELL.

The last speaker was Professor Gettell and he was welcomed most enthusiastically by all present.

Professor Gettell said that he had hopes that the season next year would be as successful as this year unless internal dissensions should arise, for Trinity has been practically free from outside invasions lately.

Some statistics were presented by Professor Gettell of the records of Williams, Wesleyan, Amherst and Trinity this year and for the past few years, and Trinity's per cent of games was far above her nearest competitor as can be seen by reading them in another part of this issue. The excellent games arranged for next season were spoken of by Professor Gettell as he pointed out the variety of neighborhoods which would hear of Trinity through it.

The smoker was broken up at the conclusion of Professor Gettell's speech and the 1911 football-season received its final touch at Trinity.







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### COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

In the past it has been the usual  
custom to announce each June at  
commencement time, the standing of  
the senior and junior classes. Last  
June this was not done, and as an  
interested party, I have been trying  
ever since to find out the said standing.  
Perhaps the *Tripod* could throw some  
light upon the matter.

The junior standing for 1910-1911 has  
just been announced on the official  
bulletin board, and we publish it, below.

—Editor.

### JUNIOR STANDING.

June, 1911.

Bird	Pettigrew
Newton	Legur
Brockett	Wessels, H.
Osborne	Ahern
Bleecker	Whipple
Craik	Short
McClure	Turner
Steven, W. E.	Grint
Carpenter	Howell, C. H.
Pulford, A. E.	Haight, S. O.
Allison	Farrow
Levine	Gildersleeve, A. L.
Woessner	Clark, A.
Kendall	Brainerd, F. J.

### GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

Last Friday night the combined Glee  
and Mandolin Clubs gave their first  
concert in the Congregational Church  
at Glastonbury to a small but enthusias-  
tic audience. Whitehead's solo and the  
stringed instrument trio were the hits  
of the evening. The program follows:

#### Part I

Hail, Hail to Thee	Glee Club
Selection	Mandolin Club
Solo	A. L. Smith
Piano Selection	McCabe
Stringed Instrument Trio	
Baridon, J. A. Moore, and Little	

#### Part II

Solo	Whitehead
"Amici"	Glee Club
"Elf Man"	Glee Club
Selection	Mandolin Club
"Neath The Elms"	Glee Club

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the country. Professor Gill, the honor-  
ary president of the club, then spoke on  
the publicity work for the spring team,  
especially in connection with track and  
baseball. He advised the members to  
get busy early, and get the preliminary  
work over, and was also in favor of  
making a definite distribution of duties,  
because "every man's work is no man's  
work". Somerville, '14, was elected  
Treasurer of the Club, and Marsden, '13,  
Recorder. The meeting was then  
adjourned.

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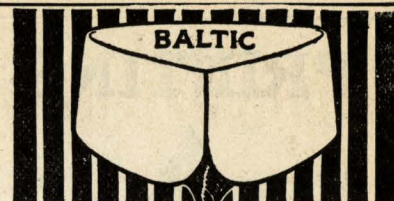
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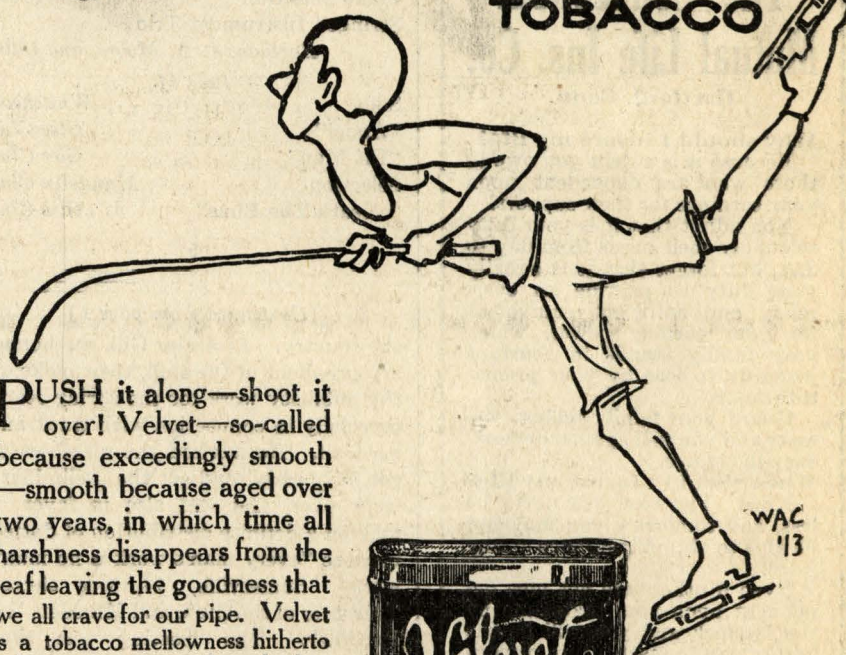
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